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MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Superintendents Curriculum Supervisors and Principals

FROM: Schauna Findlay, Ph.D., Director of Curriculum and Instruction

DATE: September 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Constitution Day

Public Law 108-477 contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 states that "each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution." The purpose of this event is to commemorate the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787.

If September 17th falls on a Saturday or Sunday then the program is to be held during the preceding or following week. The Federal mandate does not endorse any particular program, activity, or web site but does have a few resources listed for references. For full text of this mandate please visit the [Federal Register](#).

Resources for teachers to use in developing their Constitution Day lessons can be found at www.doe.in.gov/opd/welcome.html under "Other Topics of Interest" titled "Constitution Day Resources."